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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MAMBAKKAM ET AL.

Examiner

Hung v Duong

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1-12 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 1, line 2 "A base" should be --a base-- ; line 3 "A separate" should be --a separate-- no capital letter after "comprising:"

In claim 8, line 2 "A slot" should be --a slot--; line 3 " A separate" should be --a separate—no capital letter after "comprising:"

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5, 7-10, 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chen (US Pat. 6,477,604).

Regarding claims 1-5, 7-10, 12 Chen discloses in figure 2, a memory card interface apparatus comprising: a bay 22 to receive a memory card 12 for accessing data stored on the card; and a separate storage cavity configured to store a memory

card wherein the cavity includes an aperture providing access to remove a card from the storage cavity wherein the cavity includes an element protruding out a side of the storage cavity to retain a card within the storage cavity wherein the cavity includes an element protruding out a side of the storage cavity to retain a card within the storage cavity wherein the apparatus includes at least a third separate storage cavity configured to store a memory card wherein the apparatus is configured to attach to a separate add-on configuration, the separate add-on configuration providing storage for additional memory cards.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6, 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen (US Pat. 6,477,604) in view of Liebenow et al. (US Pat. 6,190,182).

Regarding claims 6, 11, Chen discloses all the subject matter of the claimed inventions except for wherein the apparatus comprises a tower configuration.

However, Liebenow et al teach the apparatus comprises a tower configuration (see figure 5). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill to modify an apparatus

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comprises a tower configuration of Liebenow et al into Chen's apparatus as applicant's invention in order to be conveniently to use two card at the same time.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Flannery et al. (US Pat. 6,456,491) teach modular floppy disk for internal and external use.

Lee (US Pat. 6,522,552) teaches wireless memory card reader.

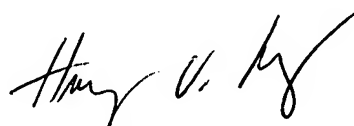
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung v Duong whose telephone number is 703- 308-4889. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on 703 308 4815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 308 0956.

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Patent Examiner.